**Stone Soup**

Once upon a time there was an old beggar who was very hungry. One day he arrived at a small village begging for some food, but nobody would give him any. So he knocked on one last door and asked for just some water and matches. “I don’t want to bother you. I just want to cook my stone,” he said.

He also borrowed a large pot and filled it with the water while some neighbors gathered around and watched. He put some twigs under the pot and lit them with the matches. When the fire was pretty big and the water was boiling, he added the stone.

Stirring the water and stone with a spoon, the beggar cooked the soup, but upon tasting it, he said: “Mmm! Yummee! It’s very good, but it could use a little salt....” One woman added some salt and he tasted again… ”Mmm! It’s very nice,” said the beggar. Then he said: “But…it would be better if we had some vegetables.”

Several villagers ran to get a few vegetables and added them to the pot: potatoes, carrots, cabbage and onions. The soup tasted better but the beggar said: “It would be even better if we had some meat!” “I have some chicken!” said a woman. “And I have some pasta!” said a man. They added the ingredients to the soup and finished cooking it.

Finally, they all ate a big bowl of soup. “This is delicious!” said one villager.” And to think it was made from only a stone!”

**Stone Soup – Dictation – Student #1**

Exercise A. Student #1 reads this passage to student #2, who writes it on his/her paper.

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Exercise B. Student #2 writes the passage here.

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